

# GOVERNMENT R. R. ADMINISTRATION FORMS PERMANENT ORGANIZATION

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—The permanent organization of the government railroad administration, announced last night by Director General McAdoo, provides for retention of most of the personnel of the temporary staff which has served since the government assumed operation of the roads. It adds W. S. Carter, chief of the Brotherhood of Engineers and Firemen, as director of the division of labor, and Charles A. Prouty, director of valuation for the interstate commerce commission, as director of the division of public service and accounting.

Mr. Carter will organize a staff of assistants to deal with labor complaints and other questions affecting employment conditions, while the railroad wage commission will continue to hear wage applications and recommend a general course of action to the director general. Mr. Prouty, it was announced, "will represent the interest of farmers, manufacturers, producers, shippers and consumers generally." He will act as intermediary between the public and the railroad administration for suggestions or complaints.

Other members of Mr. McAdoo's permanent staff are:  
General assistant—Walker D. Hines, New York.  
General counsel—John Barton Payne, Chicago.

Director of the division of transportation—Carl R. Gray, Baltimore, Md., president of the Western Maryland.  
Director division of traffic—Edward Chambers, Chicago and California, vice-president of the Santa Fe.

Director of the division of finance and purchase—John S. Williams. Mr. Williams will continue in office as controller of the currency.  
Frank McManamy, chief inspector of locomotives for the interstate

commerce commission, was made manager of the locomotive section, and will direct a strenuous campaign to repair the thousands of locomotives which recent investigations of the commission have shown were allowed to become dilapidated through improper attention under private management of the roads.

Henry Walters, chairman of the board of the Atlantic Coast Line, a member of Mr. McAdoo's temporary staff, asked to be relieved of active executive duties, but probably will continue to act unofficially as an adviser to the director general.

Mr. McAdoo is considering creating a division of capital expenditures and improvement and other branches of the administration as they are needed.

To study big phases of the diversion of traffic over least burdened trunk lines the director general has appointed a traffic investigation committee of three railroad executives.

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## NEVADA WEEKLY INDUSTRIAL REVIEW

Wells.—The old Sprucemont properties near here are to be operated. Reno—Press of the state indicates people are dubious about a special session of the legislature "to reduce taxation." The shifting of greater burdens upon the mining property of the state means to discourage development and stop bringing in capital on the fair terms offered in states like New Mexico and others.

George Wingfield renews faith in Tonopah by purchase of a big bank.

The famous old Bullfrog district is again taking a place among the leading gold fields of Nevada, after years of discouragement and inactivity.

Cherry Creek—Mines here showing high grade copper ore.  
Fifteen carloads one kind of cars to Reno indicates divorce industry prosperous.

Carson City—State industrial insurance fund growing and reduced premiums result.

Mining, smelting and oil production are among the West's greatest industries and measures which encourage extensive development are most necessary at this time. Fair profits and equitable taxation laws are strongest stimulant.

Virginia City—Union Con. mine shipped eleven bars bullion netting \$51,000.

Goldfield—Keweenaw outlook reported best in its history.

The railroads are exerting every effort to make operation under government supervision a success while the radical politicians are already wrangling over what will be done with spoils when the war is over.

New mill at Hornsilver mines treating 150 tons daily.

Las Vegas—Manganese mines incorporated for \$500,000. Work on June Bug mine near here to be resumed.

Yerington—Bluestone Mining and Smelting company has new flotation plant under construction.

Famous old Monarch mine to be reopened.

The Crane company has taken options on large block of oil shale lands.

Er-Governor Oddie has been boosting for national highway construction in Nevada. He gave full credit to the public spirit shown by the National Good Roads association.

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(By Associated Press.)  
SACRAMENTO, Cal., Feb. 7.—Federal authorities have announced that the grand jury report findings in the investigation of the fifty-five alleged Industrial Workers of the World, arrested in connection with the explosion at the governor's home explains the extra session of the United States district court, which will open tomorrow.

AGAIN ON THE TABLE.

(By Associated Press.)  
NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—Col. Theodore Roosevelt was operated on yesterday for the second time for the removal of an abscess. He passed a comfortable night.

The senate will be adopted by house public lands committee. For more than four years this measure has been pending and in repeated hearings little had been said about conditions until Senator John Kendrick, former governor of Wyoming, appeared at the extra session with a plea for new provisions that were inserted which will greatly encourage coal and oil production in the West.

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# BILL INTRODUCED GIVES PRESIDENT AUTHORITY PRACTICALLY UNLIMITED

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—Almost coincident with Secretary Baker's reappearance before the senate military committee yesterday for cross examination upon his recent statement of what America is doing in the war, the administration's answer to congressional agitation for a war cabinet and munitions director was given by introduction in the senate of a bill transmitted by President Wilson which would give the president blanket authority to reorganize and co-ordinate all federal departments, bureaus, agencies, officials and personnel.

The measure was taken to the capitol by a personal representative of the president and introduced by Senator Overman, Democrat. It would empower the president to make over completely the executive branch of the government for the period of the war, rearranging existing agencies and their functions and establishing such new ones as he might see fit.

There has been no intimation of any specific action the president has in mind. The bill was referred to the judiciary committee, of which Senator Overman is ranking Democratic member. One move which some officials say is contemplated is the appointment of a chairman of the war industries board—a post now vacant—and the investment of the office with powers similar to those proposed for the director of munitions.

Mr. Baker, in his examination, demurred at telling in open session the basis for his assertion that the prospects were not unpromising for enough ships to put a million and a half American soldiers in France this year. After much discussion, during which Senator Hitchcock, who has termed the secretary's statement "widely exaggerated and preposterous," insisted upon an answer to his questions, the committee agreed that the information should be given in secret session, and Mr. Baker promised to prepare a statement.

In the meantime the committee will proceed with its general war inquiry, examining Major General Wheeler, acting chief of ordnance, regarding production of chlorine, powder and other explosives.

Secretary Baker told the committee that more American troops had been got to France on January 1 than called for by the schedule. He explained that in his calculations as to what could be done he did not rely entirely on American shipping, but would go no further at the public hearing.

In explaining functions of the reorganized war department bureaus, the secretary said that while Edward R. Stettinius, the new surveyor general of supplies, lacks technical legal authority, he had broad powers in securing production, with larger duties than England's munitions director.

Legislation is unnecessary to secure government co-ordination, he contended, other than that he suggested and which is proposed in the Overman bill.

# QUARTER MILLION AMERICANS NOW AT THE BATTLEFRONT IN FRANCE

(By Associated Press.)  
NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—Announcement that France will be able before July 1 to manufacture enough artillery to supply twenty American divisions, or approximately 500,000 troops, if the United States mean-while adheres to an understanding by which France would receive the necessary raw material from this country, was made here last night by Andre Hardien, French high commissioner to this country. Mr. Tardieu made the statement also that there are in France today more American troops than comprised the American army at the time the United States entered the war; at that time, he said, the American army contained 212,000 officers and men. The French official spoke at a

dinner which was part of New York's celebration of the Jour de L'Alliance Francaise, which was observed throughout the United States and Canada yesterday, the anniversary of the treaty between France and the American colonies in 1778.

Asserting that "secrecy ought to be a thing of the past, because our democracies want to know in order to win," Mr. Tardieu said that "just appreciation of the results achieved" by America in its war preparations "is a stimulant for effort and nobody has the right to refuse to the American people this stimulant."

The commissioner reviewed the nation's accomplishments and outlined what France had done in the way of manufacturing ordnance, both for

the United States and for France's other allies.

"We have in the line," he said, "about 15,000 guns of every calibre, and every day more than 300,000 shells are turned out by our factories. To get those guns, to produce those shells, we created an industry which did not exist before the war and which has enabled us not only to arm ourselves, but also to arm our allies."

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